

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the instant application on the basis of newly amended Claims 1 and 8 and new claim 19. Claims 1 and 8 are the main claims and the remaining claims are directly or indirectly dependent upon those.

In the subject Office Action, Claims 5 and 12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were considered to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, the following claims have been rewritten to overcome the objection and the remaining claims have been canceled:

Claim 1 was rewritten to include the limitations of the previous dependent claim 5 and intervening dependent claim 4;

The first Claim 8 was canceled and rewritten as newly submitted dependent claim 19; and,

Claim 8 was rewritten to include the limitations of the previous dependent claim 12.

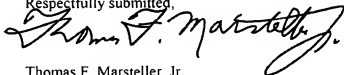
In view of the amendments to the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to now remove the objections to claims 1-19. Because the amendments introduce no new subject matter or limitations, Applicant suggests that no new search is required and that this case should accordingly now be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-19.

If there are matters which can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this Application, Applicant invites the Examiner to call the attorney at the number listed below at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. Marsteller, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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ATTACHMENT A

LISTING OF CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE